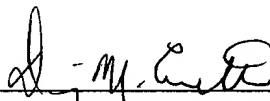


### REMARKS

By the present Amendment, claims 7 and 8 are amended to correct a grammatical error with respect to article usage. Specifically, both were amended to substitute the article "a" for the article "an", as it modifies "nonionic surfactant." A Version With Markings Showing Changes Made is attached. As these changes do not involve any introduction of new matter, do not raise any new issue on appeal, and place the claims in better form for appeal, entry is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

As the present Amendment is submitted within the period for filing a Brief in support of the Notice of Appeal, no fees are believed due. However, please charge any fee or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1133.

Respectfully submitted,



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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS SHOWING CHANGES MADE**

Claims 7 and 8 were amended as follows:

7. (Amended) A pre-treating composition according to Claim 1 wherein the spreading agent is [an] a nonionic surfactant.

8. (Amended) A pre-treating composition according to Claim 2 wherein the spreading agent is [an] a nonionic surfactant.